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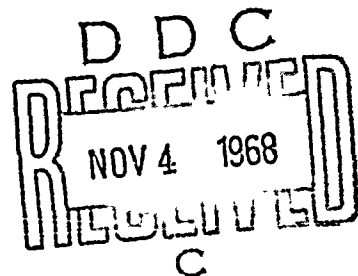
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MILITARY POLICE GROUP (CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION) (PROVISIONAL)
18th Military Police Brigade
APO 96491

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31 July 1968 RCS CSFUR-65 (RI)

Commanding General
18th Military Police Brigade
APO 96491

1. Section 1. Operations: Significant activities.

a. Nine hundred seventy-five CID investigations were initiated during the reporting period and 687 CID investigations were completed.

b. During the reporting period, 39 Joint RVN police/CID narcotics-marihuana raids were conducted at Vietnamese establishments identified as providing narcotics or marihuana to members of the US Forces. A total of 46.8 kilos of marihuana and 2804.5 grams of opium, in addition to miscellaneous other drugs and opium smoking paraphernalia, were seized. Seventy-one Vietnamese Nationals were apprehended by RVN Police and 11 US Military personnel were apprehended by CID investigators during the raids.

c. Eighty-one investigations of diversions of US contract hauled cargo were initiated in the Saigon - Long Binh areas. In addition, covert investigation was intensified by the Headquarters Detachment investigation section in an effort to determine the scope and structure of the diversion operations and the identification of persons involved in these thefts. Investigation of these diversions is continuing and is subject of a separate study.

d. During this reporting period, 20 joint raids were conducted by RVN National Police and Customs Agents with CID observers at RVN establishments dealing in US-type merchandise. Seizures were estimated to be in excess of \$100,000. Further raids are planned in an attempt to reduce the blackmarketing of US supplies.

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e. The crime laboratory facility became firmly established at Long Binh during the reporting period and reduced the processing time for marihuana examinations to four days. ~~for Laboratory~~. The following examinations were conducted during the reporting period.

(1) Marihuana - 1143
(2) Firearms - 73
(3) Photography - 149
(4) Polygraph - 21

2. Section 2. Lessons Learned: Commander's Observations, Evaluations and Recommendations.

a. Personnel: None.

b. Operations: None

c. Training:

(1) Vietnamese language skills for CID investigators.

(a) Observation: Vietnamese nationals with developed English language skills are unavailable for employment as interpreters by CID units. CID efforts to conduct investigations involving Vietnamese nationals, to develop and maintain reliable sources of information, and to establish productive relationships with Vietnamese law enforcement agencies are difficult, time consuming, and often unrewarding because of the interpersonal communications problems generated by the language barrier.

(b) Evaluation: CID investigators should have a Vietnamese language capability before arrival in-country. Their work loads after arrival and the dissimilarity of the Vietnamese language from other languages familiar to many CID personnel make it extremely difficult for investigators to learn Vietnamese after reaching in-country duty stations.

(c) Recommendation: That all CID personnel to be assigned to Vietnam be encouraged by TEMG to take Vietnamese language training at CONUS posts and that at least 50% of the accredited CID investigators to be assigned to Vietnam be scheduled by OPO to attend formal Vietnamese language training in the DOD school system before departing CONUS.

(2) Marihuana identification by non-trained personnel.

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(a) Observation: Marihuana continues to be available in Vietnam in quantities outside the experience of most military personnel who have not previously been assigned to Vietnam. Ten to twenty kilo seizures by combined Vietnamese-US teams are not uncommon. Many cases of marihuana possession or use are brought to the attention of provost marshals and CID personnel by officers and NCO's who recognize marihuana by sight or smell. The development of these skills in previously untrained personnel has been due in part to the efforts of CID investigators and other Military Police personnel who have conducted classes and briefings throughout Vietnam to acquaint officers and NCO's with marihuana.

(b) Evaluation: CID investigators in Vietnam must continue to be able to present classes and briefings on marihuana for non-military police personnel.

(c) Recommendation: That the Program of Instruction for the Drug Investigation Course at the US Army Military Police School, Fort Gordon, Georgia, be revised to include practical exercises in the presentation of short briefings on marihuana identification for non-military police personnel.

(3) The use of Military policemen as investigators.

(a) Observation: Military policemen without training as investigators are furnished by local provost marshals throughout Vietnam to assist the limited number of accredited and apprentice CID investigators available in-country. These military policemen most frequently have no prior investigative experience. They provide invaluable assistance in handling relatively less serious cases than assigned to trained CID personnel and often are used to assist CID personnel in investigations of major crimes. Training of these military police investigators takes place on the job, often at a considerable cost in terms of CID investigator time and effort.

(b) Evaluation: A program should be developed within CONUS to train qualified military policemen for duty as full-time provost marshal investigators and to identify them with a MOS skill digit in the MOS 95B series.

(c) Recommendation: That the USDCMPA, Fort Gordon, Georgia, consider the feasibility of training and identifying selected Military policemen as Military Police or Provost Marshal Investigators in order to provide Provost Marshals with trained personnel for necessary investigations other than those described in paragraph 1-2j, AR 195-10, January 1968.

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d. Intelligence: None.

e. Logistics: Shortage of DA Form 2800 series.

(1) Observations: A critical shortage of DA Forms in the 2800 series continues to exist. Requisitions to the US Army Printing and Publications Center, Japan, have been unfilled for more than three months.

(2) Evaluation: Lack of prescribed forms upon which to render CID reports contributes to an already heavy clerical backlog.

(3) Recommendation: USA Printing and Publications Center, Japan, take necessary actions to fill outstanding requisitions for DA Forms in 2800 series.

f. Organization:

(1) Clerk-typists (MOS 71B20) assigned to CID units.

(a) Observation: Vietnamese Nationals employed locally as typists have almost no English language skills. Consequently, the preparation of CID case reports by these typists presents a administrative problem of massive proportions. In some detachments, over 100 completed reports of investigation await typing. Reduction of the typing backlog has proved to be impossible in many units because of the necessity to retype completed work a number of times and the unavailability of the locally-employed typists for more than 50 hours of work per week.

(b) Evaluation: School-trained clerk-typists (MOS 71B20) should be made available for duty in each CID field office in Vietnam on the basis of one clerk-typist (MOS 71B20) per each three accredited or apprentice investigators, it being understood that each of these investigators is supervising from one to three non-CID investigators who also generate investigative reports and allied documents.

(c) Recommendation: That the USCDCMPA, Fort Gordon, Georgia, consider the feasibility of increasing the spaces for clerk-typists (MOS 71B20 or MOS 71B30) in the Functional Teams, Criminal Investigation, organized under TOE 19-500, particularly in areas where English-speaking local nationals are unavailable for employment.

(2) Approval of MTO&E.

(a) Observation: The reorganization and designation of the MP Group (CI)(PROV), as the 8th MP Group (CI) awaits final preparation and approval of the proposed MTO&E.

(b) Evaluation: Approval of MTO&E and activation General order are necessary to requisition seriously needed personnel and equipment with which to accomplish the Group mission.

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(c) Recommendation: That Headquarters USARPAC expedite approval
and publication of activation General order for 8th MP Group (CI).

g. Other: None.

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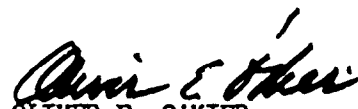
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1. Reference item on language training, paragraph 2c(1), page 2: Concur with observation and evaluation, and agree that Vietnamese language training is a desirable asset in the field of criminal investigation. A maximum number of criminal investigators should be given language training prior to their arrival in country. As a partial solution to the problem, every effort is being made to provide competent Vietnamese Interpreter-Translators to CID detachments in Vietnam. Augmentation Table of Distribution and Allowances authorizes 30 Local National Interpreter-Translators for the 8th Military Police Group (CI).
2. Reference item on marihuana identification, paragraph 2c(2), page 2: Concur that CID instruction to lay-personnel has been most effective, and presentations of this type should be encouraged wherever possible. The US Army Military Police School should give maximum publicity to this means of education for non-police personnel.
3. Reference item on provost marshal investigator training, paragraph 2c(3), page 3: Concur.
4. Reference item on publication shortages, paragraph 2e, page 4: Concur. The 8th Military Police Group (CI) has been granted an account with the publication center. Emergency requisitions for required forms have been submitted by the group.
5. Reference item on clerk-typists, paragraph 2f(1), page 4: Concur that school trained military typists are preferable to local national civilian clerical personnel, and current workloads preclude the final preparation of reports by investigators themselves. Fourteen civilian clerk-typists are presently authorized. This is the maximum number that can be justified using existing civilian personnel manning tables. Pending any future change to Functional Teams, Criminal Investigation, TOE 19-500E, spaces for MOS 71B20 or 71B30 may be requested by the submission of a proposed MTOE justifying the number of positions required. Twenty personnel, MOS 71B30, are authorized under MTOE 19-500E, dated 20 June 1968.
6. Reference item on reorganization, paragraph 2f(2), page 4: USARPAC General Order Number 409, dated 19 August 1968, activated the 8th Military Police Group (Criminal Investigation), under MTOE 19-500E, USARPAC 4/68. ✓

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HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96375

6 SEP 1968

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-DT,
APO 96558

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the quarterly period ending 31 July 1968 from Headquarters, Military Police Group (Criminal Investigation) (Provisional), 18th Military Police Brigade.

2. Reference paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of 1st Indorsement: Concur. These items are a matter of concern for the Provost Marshal General.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


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HQ, US Army, Pacific, APO San Francisco 96558 8 OCT 1968

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development,
Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20310

1. This headquarters has evaluated subject report and forwarding indorsements and concurs in the report as indorsed.

2. The following comment expands on matters raised in paragraph 3, 1st Indorsement: This headquarters recognizes that it is not an accepted policy to recognize, per se, a requirement for Provost Marshal investigators. It has been recognized that investigation requirements will occur; consequently, the CID program was developed. Incidents which do not meet the requirements for investigation by CID personnel are to be investigated by Military Police, MOS 95B. Providing MP personnel being assigned to USARV are not sufficiently trained in the facets of military police investigation, then it would be appropriate that the command advise DA of this shortcoming which would then justify an evaluation of the current USACDCMPA training program.

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